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## More than 10,000 feared dead in typhoon-ravaged Philippines

TACLOBAN (AFP) - Survivors of a super typhoon that may have killed more than 10,000 people in the Philippines were growing increasingly desperate for aid Monday, as authorities struggled to cope with potentially the country's worst recorded natural disaster.

Rescue workers appeared overwhelmed in their efforts to help countless survivors of Super Typhoon Haiyan, which sent tsunami-like

waves and merciless winds rampaging across a huge chunk of the archipelago on Friday.

Hundreds of police and soldiers were deployed to contain looters in Tacloban, the devastated provincial capital of Leyte, while the United States announced it had responded to a Philippine government appeal and was sending military help.

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## Xander Bogaerts inaugurates Paseo Herencia's Walk of Fame



Xander with Minister of Health & Sports Dr. Schwengle

prior to the unveiling of his star.

win of the Baseball World Cup while playing for The Netherlands. At that time, Aruba's Governor Fredis Refunjol was also proud to perform the ceremony when both Xander and Sean were knighted by the crown.

On Friday evening, November 8, the Paseo mall was again pleased to unveil their newest way to honor exceptional achievements by islanders in the international arena, by placing stars in sculpture relief on their Iraisquin Boulevard entrance, now renamed "Walk of Fame."

"No one is more fitting to inaugurate our Walk of Fame than Xander Bogaerts," commented Paseo Marketing Manager Candy Rasmijn. "We are all so proud of him and thrilled to do this."

Paseo Herencia management has always been a staunch supporter of youthful endeavor and accomplishment, particularly in baseball, as their General Manager Valerie Pietersz-Camacho has two young sons who are enthusiastic Little Leaguers.

It was not only Valerie's two young baseball fanatics who had the thrill of meeting and getting an autograph from their famous hero. Xander graciously consented to spend a session with Aruba's entire Little League

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PALM BEACH -- An entire island was thrilled to welcome back Red Sox Rookie player and native son Xander Bogaerts last week, on the heels of the Boston team's World Series victory. Prime Minister Mike Eman called him "a hero, and exemplary role model for island youth."

Paseo Herencia Shopping Center recognized Xander as an athletic star two years ago, installing him and teammate Sean Zarraga on their "Wall of Fame" after their historic

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## Golden Steering Wheel for Peter Schreyer

(SEOUL) / ORANJESTAD -

Never before has design been so important in the automotive industry, a statement now substantiated by the decision of the jury of the 2013 Golden Steering Wheel awards. In one of the car industry's most prestigious awards programmes, Peter Schreyer, President and Chief Design Officer of the Hyundai Motor Group, has received the Honorary Golden Steering Wheel, awarded for outstanding achievements in the automotive industry.

Bavarian-born Schreyer has been Chief Design Officer at Kia Motors since 2006 and was appointed President of all Hyundai-Kia Design Centres at the beginning of 2013. With overall design responsibility for the world's fifth largest car manufacturer, Schreyer is only the second designer in the 31-year history of the Golden Steering Wheel to receive the award. Giorgetto Giugiaro received it in 1995.

The most recent recipients of the award include Ferdinand Piëch, Chairman of the Volkswagen Supervisory Board (2012), Alan Mulally, CEO of Ford Motor Company (2011) and Norbert Reithofer, CEO of BMW (2010). The competition is organised by Bild am Sonntag and AutoBild, and the official presentation ceremony will take place on 12 November 2013 in Berlin.

"I am exceedingly proud to receive this important award. It is a great honour for me personally, and at the same time it is recognition for our design teams all around the world who for years have been delivering such excellent work," said Schreyer. The designer was responsible for creating Kia's distinctive,

**- Chief Design Officer of the Hyundai Motor Group, Peter Schreyer, honoured in the 2013 Golden Steering Wheel awards by Bild am Sonntag and AutoBild for outstanding achievements in the automotive industry**  
**- Schreyer is only the second designer to receive this coveted industry award**



**Peter Schreyer**

multiple-award winning design language, and his 'Tiger Nose' – the signature Kia radiator grille – has since become a striking brand feature.

"Kia Motors Corporation gave me the unique opportunity to start from scratch and give an automobile brand a completely new, characteristic face. Overall design responsibility for the entire Hyundai Motor Group has added to this the exciting challenge of taking the Hyundai design forward and at the same time clearly differentiating the design strategies of the two brands," explained the 60-year-old designer.

Peter Schreyer trained at the Munich University of Applied Sciences and the London Royal College of Art, which presented him with an honorary doctorate in 2007. Prior to joining Kia, Schreyer was responsible for the design of pioneering models such as the Audi TT, Volkswagen's new Beetle and the Volkswagen Passat.

At Kia, Schreyer has developed a design philosophy

that stands for simplicity and clarity, which has made a considerable contribution to the success of the brand – in the past five years, Kia has doubled its global sales and in 2012 sold more than 2.7 million cars. The Hyundai brand has also enjoyed strong growth in recent years, taking total sales to 7.1 million units last year. More than 155,000 of these cars went to Germany, where the group is presently the biggest car importer.

Under Schreyer's leadership the Kia Design Studios in Korea, the United States and Frankfurt have created a number of striking cars. These include the cult crossover Kia Soul, the dynamic compact SUV Kia Sportage, the elegantly sporty Kia Optima, the Kia POP electric concept car, the Kia GT design study and the sporty, compact four-wheel drive Kia provo concept.

The entire Kia model range now features Schreyer's design signature. The final model to be fully redesigned under Schreyer

was the new Kia Carens, which has been on sale in Europe since May 2013 and which brings a new visual dynamism to the family-oriented MPV segment.

The Golden Steering Wheel is considered the most important European automobile prize. Founded in 1976, the award recognises the best new car models of the year, while the Honorary Golden Steering Wheel has been presented to leaders in the automotive industry since 1983. Two race drivers have also received this prestigious prize: Michael Schumacher (1993) and Lewis Hamilton (2007).

In the car categories, winners are selected either by Bild am Sonntag and AutoBild readers, or by an independent jury comprising 40 celebrities, race drivers, engineers, designers and motor-

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## Xander Bogearts inaugurates Paseo Herencia's Walk of Fame

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Eager fans await their hero



Signing autographs for the little ones



Candy Rasmijn of Paseo Herencia



with Paseo owner Alex Lovera and his wife Diane



with GM and staff of Paseo Herencia



With Little League 'Grashoppers'



Super Red Sox Fan Maria Plapanick

He spent over 90 minutes signing balls, hats, gloves, batter helmets, Red Sox tee shirts and whatever other



Xander with Mom and George Grande of MLB

baseball paraphernalia his devoted fans could muster, and always had a smile for the many photographs they requested to take with him.

A long-time Aruba visitor, George Grande, who works with the Cincinnati Reds, was vacationing on Aruba for the occasion. He stopped by to deliver greetings from the MLB and to tell all those filling the amphitheater of the Plaza Padu that "what really set Xander apart from the beginning was his great heart. Baseball writers and aficionados noticed him almost immediately...he had something special about him. From by experience vacationing here for so many years, and the islanders I have come to know, I have to believe it is a reflection of growing up on Aruba."

Xander unveiled the inaugural star on the Walk of Fame accompanied by Minister of Health and Sports, Dr.

Alex Schwengle, and his mother, Sandra Brown. "It has been a whirlwind four months," she admitted.

Among those lined up getting autographs prior to the official ceremony, was Paseo Herencia Co-owner Alex Lovera, just as excited as any of the hundreds of youngsters present. "We are happy to provide this opportunity for our children to meet Xander," he confided. "It is all about inspiring our youth. If a country ignores their children, they are, in my opinion, lost."

When addressing the

crowd, Xander thanked all those present for their support and attention. "A lot of great things have happened to me over the past year. I want you kids to take away from this that the most important thing is not the baseball, but the determination to do well, to always do your best. If you have that determination, you will go far."

By Rosalie Klein

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## AIS final catwalk showcases elegance at the pool and beach



shopping or even disco-hopping.

The sheer, flowing cover-ups and tunics of EZ and Arubianas demonstrated a distinct affinity for a bit of blink, with sparkling sequins and beading important accents. In every way, they underline the vibrancy of life in the tropics that inspired the designers.

The fashion show ended with the introduction of former Carnival Queen Alina Mansur, wearing an Arubiana design that complemented her sparkling queen costume. She was escorted out by Arubianas founder Eveline Wever. This

**Arubianas co owner Eveline Wever and Alina Mansur**

segued into an introduction to Aruba's most popular annual event, Carnival, with the Coco Rico Dancers and singer Buchi Cunucu performing the Roadmarch "Pan di Dios" for the international media present for the fashion week.

By Rosalie Klein

ORANJESTAD -- Gorgeous models and resort wear fashion in a gorgeous setting are the trademark of the Aruba in Style Fashion Week, and the final catwalk of the event's third edition had the stunning pool deck of the Westin Aruba Resort in Palm Beach as the ideal backdrop.

Saturday the collections of Oakely, BCBGeneration, and Gottex opened the evening, followed by the flowing tunics and caftans of designer Eva Zissu and her EZ collection. Completing the final show was the Arubianas Event, showcasing sheer, stunning designs inspired by aspects of Aruba's flora, fauna, flag and architecture, in vibrant, tropical colors.

Arubianas garments are also complemented by moderately-priced flip-flops that are designed to bring comfortable, elegant footwear not only to the beach, but while



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## Randy Fenoli 'Say Yes to the Dress' visited Renaissance Aruba Resort

ORANJESTAD -- Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino recently received a visit from Randy Fenoli presenter of famous international television show 'Say Yes to the Dress' and Fashion Designer & Director of Kleinfeld. The visit of Randy Fenoli is part of the promotional campaign to position Aruba as a romantic destination.

Randy dedicated his time in experiencing the activities and culinary options that are part of the romantic image of Aruba as an initiation of what can become a long term professional relationship. Together with his assistant Randy captured the highlight of his experience and produced various items that were shared with fans and soon to be brides around the world via social media and blogs. During his stay Randy had the opportunity to visit the renovated Renaissance Marina Hotel rooms and the Okeanos Spa where the bride and groom prepare themselves for their big day. Besides this, Randy was also introduced to various venues within the resort which are perfect for wedding ceremonies and celebrations including the Renaissance private Island, Flamingo Beach and Iguana Beach. To finalize his stay Randy enjoyed a relaxing spa day in the Private Spa Cove of the Renaissance Island which is also a perfect romantic getaway for honeymooners. During his stay on Aruba, Randy Fenoli was given the grand tour by Renaissance Aruba wedding planner, Randolph Geerman and marketing executive Mrs. Zugheila Lindeborg.

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino is very happy with the visit of Mr. Randy Fenoli which is of great importance to the resort and Aruba as a 'wedding destination'. Mr. Fenoli is an influential person that has great impact on the decision of those who are preparing to get married and those who are looking for a perfect honeymoon destination.





# Bacchanal for Carnival 60 is unveiled

ORANJESTAD -- Though the end of the year holiday season is not yet upon us, the thoughts and hearts of islanders turn towards the series of events that take place from the first Saturday of a new year until Ash Wednesday-Carnival. Today, November 11, will make the official beginning of Aruba's next carnival, a landmark 60th anniversary edition.

Fourteen years ago, a young man completing his graphics project at university, Chibi van der Hans, revived this long-forgotten tradition of marking the 11th day of the 11th month as a time of revels and feasting, born of the need to consume much of the harvest that would not last through the winter. On Aruba, it has become a beloved ritual to officially open preparations for the next carnival on this day, at the 11th hour.

At the appointed hour on the appointed day, Chibi would unveil his current version of his project, the magazine Bacchanal, a tribute and guide to everything carnival. Over the years, it has become the "bible" of the annual event, informing on dates for music contests, pageants and parades, as well as providing highlights of the year prior. A lively history of how each event was integrated into Aruba's carnival, recounted in both Papiamentu and English, makes it interesting reading for islanders and visitors alike.

This year, Chibi van der Hans was invited to reveal his new cover, always a stunning photograph, during the last major fashion show of the Aruba In Style Fashion Week. It was the grand finale on Saturday night, November 9, of the parade of resort wear around the pool at the AIS host hotel, the Westin in Palm Beach.

As this is a landmark anniversary edition of carnival, Chibi chose to pay tribute to the tireless efforts of the Carnival group leaders, without whom the event would not be the delightful spectacle that attracts tens of thousands to enjoy the parades and pageants.

There are nine established group leaders. Chibi saluted their work throughout the year and their creativity in planning their themes, costumes, and floats, as well as the manner in which they inspire all those participating at every level.

The photograph of the nine leaders was taken at the new Plaza Turismo in Oranjestad by Angelo Trimon. Those captured in some of their all-time favorite costumes are

- Lisette Oduber - Touch of Brazil (TOB)
- Ricky Felix - XC-Lanz
- Kevin James - Royal Carnival Group
- Aldrick Croes - Dushi Carnival Group
- Linchie Merryweather - Champagne
- Mena Erasmux - Loco Loco
- Claudius Philips - Oreo Passee
- Swinda Geerman - Majestic
- John Fingal - Los Laga Bai
- Deninah Martina - Pleasers and Teasers

Sharing the cover with them is Kiziah Trimon, who was Aruba's 50th Youth Queen from Champagne



A framed cover for each group leader

Group during the carnival in 2013.

Making a special appearance and enjoying the honor of actually unveiling the new cover was Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport and Culture, Otmar Oduber. He praised Chibi for his ceaseless dedication to premiere cultural and tourism event. The magazine is distributed for free at hotels, gas stations, restaurants and shops, and the newest edition is now available.

By Rosalie Klein



Minister Oduber and Chibi van der Hans unveil the new cover

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Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly Visitor of Aruba, at the La Cabana Beach Resort Beach Resort, as Distinguished Visitors and Ambassadors of Goodwill. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10 to 19 and 20 or more consecutive years.

The honorees were Mr. Darrell and Mrs. Carolyn Clark from Kennebunk, Maine and Mr. William and Mrs. Florence Ambrozy from Rocky point NY. Both couples are loyal members of the Divi Village and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the climate, beaches, restaurants, and Aruba feels like a second home, and Divi Village is their home away from home. The certificates were presented by Mr. Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Ms. Hilda Mills representing the Aruba Divi Village.





## More than 10,000 feared dead in typhoon-ravaged Philippines

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"Tacloban is totally destroyed. People are becoming violent. They are looting business establishments, the malls, just to find food, rice and milk... I am afraid that in one week, people will be killing from hunger."

President Benigno Aquino said while visiting Tacloban on Sunday that looting had become a major concern, after only 20 officers out of the city's 390-strong police force turned up for work.

In the Philippines, up to four million children could be affected by the disaster, the United Nations Children's Fund warned Sunday.

"We are rushing to get critical supplies to children who are bearing the brunt of this crisis," said UNICEF

Philippines representative Tomoo Hozumi.

"Reaching the worst-affected areas is very difficult," he said. "But we are working around the clock."

Authorities were struggling to understand the sheer magnitude of the disaster, let alone react to it, with the regional police chief for Leyte saying initial government estimates showed 10,000 people were believed to have died in that province alone.

Chief Superintendent Elmer Soria told reporters in Tacloban that the typhoon destroyed up to 80 percent of the structures in its path.

**World sends emergency aid to battered Philippines**

Countries and organisations around the world, in-

cluding the US, the UN and the EU, on Sunday scrambled aid to the Philippines as the devastation wreaked by Super Typhoon Haiyan became clearer.

US military help was on its way, after the Pentagon said Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel was responding to a request from Manila for assistance. It included search-and-rescue ships and transport aircraft deployed from the United States' Pacific deployments.

UN leader Ban Ki-moon promised UN humanitarian agencies would "respond rapidly to help people in need".

The UN children's fund UNICEF said a cargo plane carrying 60 tonnes of aid including shelters and medicine

would arrive in the Philippines Tuesday, to be followed by deliveries of water purification and sanitation equipment.

The European Commission said it would give \$4 million (three million euros) to help in relief efforts.

Britain offered another emergency support package worth \$9.6 million. Germany's embassy in Manila said an initial shipment of 23 tonnes of aid was being flown in and German rescue teams were already at work.

Other aid mobilised included:

- Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) said it was sending 200 tonnes of aid -- medicine, tents, hygiene kits -- to arrive mid-week, with a first cargo plane leaving from Dubai on Monday and another from Belgium on Tuesday.

- Up to \$5 million promised by Canada to humanitarian organisations trying to help survivors in the Philippines.

- New Zealand and Australia donating an immediate \$490,000, with further support when the devastation is better assessed.

**Typhoon Haiyan makes landfall in Vietnam: US meteorologists**

Typhoon Haiyan made landfall in Vietnam early Monday, meteorologists said.

The US Joint Typhoon Warning Center (JTWC) said in an update at 2100 GMT

the storm "is currently making landfall" approximately 100 miles (160 kilometres) east south-east of the capital Hanoi.

The storm, which had weakened significantly since scything through the Philippines over the weekend, made landfall with sustained winds of 75 miles (120 kilometres) per hour, said the JTWC, a joint US Navy and Air Force task force located in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

More than 600,000 people were evacuated on the weekend as Haiyan bore down on Vietnam.

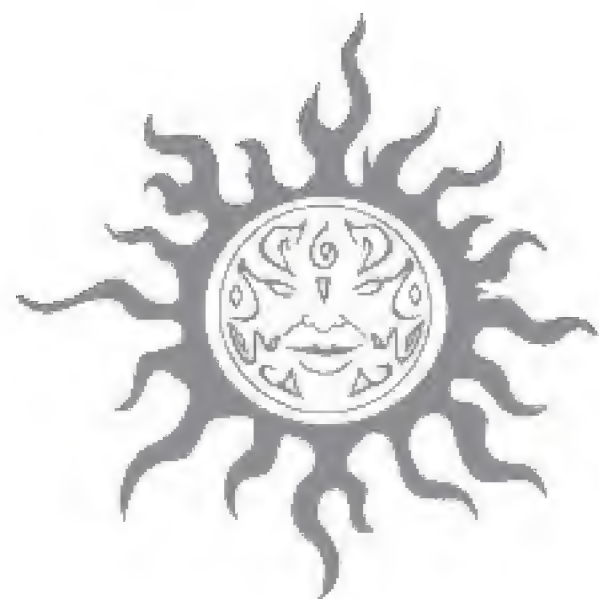
Residents of Hanoi were braced for heavy rains and flooding, while tens of thousands of people in coastal areas were ordered to take shelter.

**Deadliest natural disaster**

The Philippines endures a seemingly never-ending pattern of deadly typhoons, earthquakes, volcano eruptions and other natural disasters.

It is located along a typhoon belt and the so-called Ring of Fire, a vast Pacific region where many of Earth's earthquakes and volcanic eruptions occur.

But if the death toll of more than 10,000 is correct, Haiyan would be the deadliest natural disaster ever recorded in the country, worse than the 1976 Moro Gulf tsunami that killed between 5,000 and 8,000 people.



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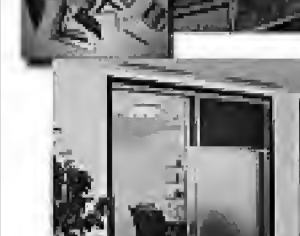
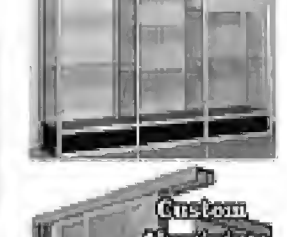
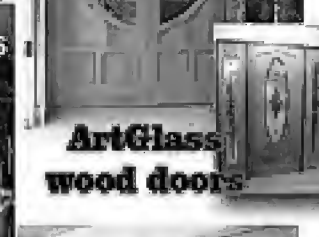
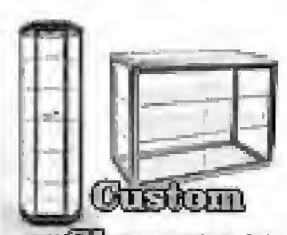
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## Schools ban Malala Yousafzai's 'anti-Pakistan' book

SLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistani private schools have been barred from buying a book written by global education icon Malala Yousafzai due to its "anti-Pakistan and anti-Islam content", a top official said Sunday.

"Yes we have banned Malala's book ('I am Malala') because it carries the content which is against our country's ideology and Islamic values," Kashif Mirza, chief of All Pakistan Private Schools Federation, told AFP.

"We are not against Malala. She is our daughter and she is herself confused" Mirza said.

Blasphemy is a sensitive issue in Pakistan also, where it carries the death penalty.

Mirza said that that some 152,000 private schools across Pakistan stood in solidarity with Malala after she was shot by the Taliban in northwestern Swat valley last year, but the views she had expressed in her autobiography were not "acceptable".

He denied any threat or pressure by any militant group on his federation to ban the book. Taliban militants had

threatened to attack Pakistani book shops selling Malala's book.

Co-written with British journalist Christina Lamb, "I Am Malala: The Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban" tells of the 16-year-old's terror as two gunmen boarded her school bus on October 9, 2012 and shot her in the head.

The book describes Malala's life under the Taliban's brutal rule in northwest Pakistan's Swat valley in the mid-2000s, hints at her ambition to enter Pakistani politics, and even describes her father's brief flirtation with Islamic fundamentalism as a youngster.

The book describes public floggings by the Taliban, their ban on television, dancing and music, and the family's decision to flee Swat along with nearly one million others in 2009 amid heavy fighting between the militants and Pakistani troops.

Yousafzai last month hit back at claims that she has become a figure of the West, insisting she was proud to be a Pakistani.

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## US journalist freed in Venezuela: paper

CARACAS (AFP) - A Miami Herald journalist detained in Venezuela was released after nearly 48 hours in custody, the US newspaper confirmed on its website Saturday.

Reporter Jim Wyss was arrested late Thursday near Venezuela's border with Colombia while reporting on the country's chronic shortages and forthcoming local elec-

tions.

Wyss was handed over to US Embassy officials in Caracas on Saturday, the Herald said, adding he had not been mistreated.

The Herald's executive editor Aminda Marquez Gonzalez welcomed the reporter's release.

"We are grateful to everyone here and in Caracas who helped bring this matter to a close," she said.

The Herald said Wyss was detained by Venezuela's National Guard on Thursday, before being transferred to the Military Intelligence Directorate in the western city of San Cristobal.

Venezuelan authorities told the paper Wyss had been arrested because he did not have permission to report in the area he had been working.

The United States and Venezuela have been without mutual ambassadors since 2010, and Caracas kicked out the US charge d'affaires in October, leading Washington to reciprocate.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who faces a key test of his fledgling presidency with municipal elections in December, is a firebrand anti-US populist in the mold of his predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez.

## Germany marks Nazi pogrom anniversary with vigils, Twitter

BERLIN (AFP) - Germany on Saturday began marking the 75th anniversary of the Nazi pogrom Kristallnacht with solemn ceremonies and touching and innovative tributes to the victims. Rather than conducting one central memorial event, Germany this year is seeing smaller commemorations throughout the weekend including striking art projects, Twitter initiatives and silent vigils. The attacks of November 9 and 10, 1938, saw Nazi thugs



plunder Jewish businesses throughout Germany, torch synagogues and round up about 30,000 Jewish men for deportation to concentration camps. At least 90 Jews were killed in the orgy of violence, also known as 'The Night of Broken Glass', which historians say ushered in the start of the Nazis' drive to wipe out European Jewry. As part of the unconventional memorials, Berliners and tourists during the day polished around 5,000 "Stolpersteine" memorials for Jews in their neighbourhoods. The "stumbling blocks" are small plaques bearing the names of Holocaust victims embedded in the street in front of their last known address, along with their dates of birth and facts about their deportation.

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- Nit combs, designed to remove lice eggs from the hair shaft, are often found in lice medicine packages. Use the comb to remove the eggs and lice from the hair. Flea combs made for cats and dogs may also be effective.

## Ecuador addiction clinic accused of torturing patients

QUITO (AFP) - More than a dozen people rescued from an anti-addiction clinic in Quito have said they were tortured there, Ecuadoran prosecutors said Thursday, with some victims reporting that they were electrocuted.

The 17 patients, including a child, were taken to new medical facilities and seven suspects have been taken into custody, a prosecutor said on Twitter, in the latest discovery of alleged abuse at such facilities.

One victim said that her treatment for alcohol dependence and drugs involved being forced to take off her shoes on a wet floor rigged with an electrical charge, an officer involved in the operation told AFP.

"These people were being held against their will, overcrowded, in degrading, unhealthy conditions. They were sleeping on the floor. They had no sewer system," a justice official said.

The child victim at the facility reported being tortured with electricity to combat problem behavior, according to prosecutors.

The secret clinic was discovered during the search for a young man who disappeared in May, who was apparently hospitalized at the facility.

Since March 2012, 18 centers for addiction treatment have been closed -- 15 for human rights violations and three for health violations -- according to the ministry of health.

Some 200 such centers operate in Ecuador, which has a population of 15.8 million, but only 120 of these clinics have a valid license, Health Minister Carina Vance said in recent months.

Several establishments offer supposed cures for homosexuality, which has allegedly included rape and electric shock.

## Dolphin virus outbreak in Atlantic is deadliest ever

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The deadliest known outbreak of a measles-like virus in bottlenose dolphins has killed a record number of the animals along the US Atlantic coast since July, officials said.

A total of 753 bottlenose dolphins have washed up from New York to Florida from July 1 until November 3, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said.

That is more than 10 times the number of dolphins that would typically turn up dead along East Coast beaches, said Teri Rowles, program coordinator of the NOAA Fisheries Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program.

And they have come in a much shorter time period, leading officials to anticipate this event could get much worse.

The cause of death is morbillivirus, a form of marine mammal measles that is similar to canine distemper and can cause pneumonia, suppressed immune function and brain infections that are usually fatal.

There is no evidence that cetacean morbillivirus can cause disease in people.

However, sick dolphins can also have bacterial or fungal infections that do pose risks to people, so beach-combers are advised not to approach stranded animals but rather to call a local stranding network for help.

The virus spreads among dolphins in close contact.

Efforts are underway to try and determine if the virus might have been introduced into wild bottlenose dolphins from another species, like humpback whales or pygmy sperm whales.

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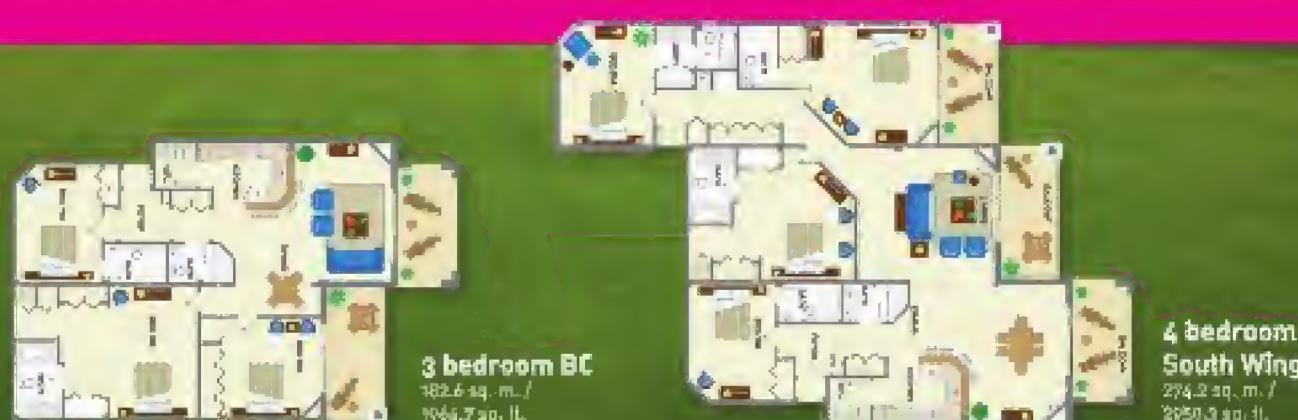
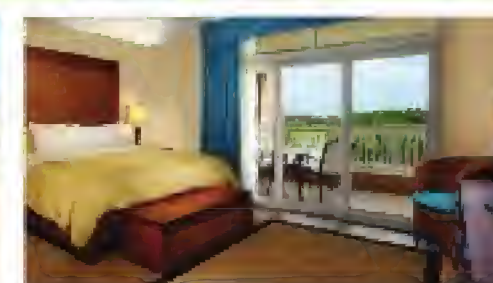
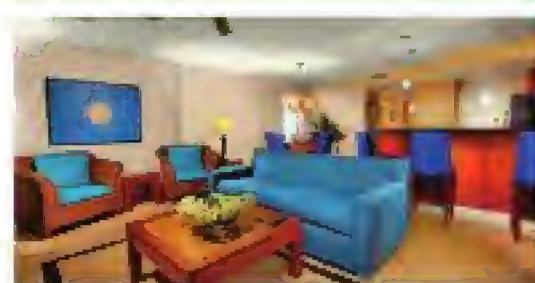
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## Smartphones Destroying High-End Camera Sales



— those models that let you swap out different lenses — have been declining this year, after enjoying years of robust growth. This category includes digital single-lens reflex, or DSLR, models, and Japan's Canon Inc. and Nikon Corp. are two of the world's largest manufacturers of those cameras.

Research firm IDC expects shipments of interchangeable-lens cameras to fall 9.1% to 17.4 million units this year, from 19.1 million units last year. Last year, shipments increased 20%.

When it comes to the quality of photos you can take, and how much control you can have over how you take pictures, there is no comparison between DSLRs and smartphone cameras.

"Taking photos with smartphones and editing them with apps is like cooking with cheap ingredients and a lot of artificial flavoring," said Canon spokesman Takafumi Hongo. "Using interchangeable-lens cameras is like slow food cooked with natural, genuine ingredients."

It's become pretty obvious that smartphones — and apps that let you edit and share photos — are crushing low-end compact cameras that offer little more than phones in terms of image quality. Mobile photography has changed the way we take snapshots and why we take them in the first place.

Are smartphones also hurting the sales of more capable cameras used by photographers and hobbyists?

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## 500,000 Dutch traffic fines for German and Belgian drivers last year

THE HAGUE - Over 283,000 motorists driving cars with a German number plate were fined for minor traffic violations in the Netherlands last year, according to justice ministry figures.

Belgian cars accounted for 225,000 fines, the figures show. The infringements range from speeding to driving through red lights and parking wrongly.

The Netherlands has had bilateral agreements to ex-

change information about traffic fines with Belgium, Germany and Switzerland for several years.

New EU rules mean the Netherlands can now exchange information with other European countries, if the technology can cope. Random tests show the Poles, French, Bulgarians and Romanians are also regular offenders.

Britain, Ireland and Denmark are not taking part in the system.

## Mexico's central bank cuts growth forecast

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's central bank cut its growth forecast for 2013 and 2014 on Wednesday, citing weaker economic activity in the first half of the year in Latin America's second biggest economy.

In an inflation report, the bank said it now expected the economy to expand between 0.9 and 1.4 percent this year, down from a previous outlook ranging between 2.0 and 3.0 percent.

The forecast for 2014 was reduced to 3.0 to 4.0 percent from 3.2 to 4.2 percent.

The bank said inflation would remain around 3.5 percent through to next year despite the passage of new taxes

by Congress last week.

The government has also downgraded its growth outlook for 2013, from 3.5 percent to 1.7 percent, after the economy contracted in the second quarter due to a slowdown in the construction and manufacturing sectors.

The central bank slashed its main interest rate for the third time this year last month in a bid to spur growth.

## US finance chief to raise China currency on Asia trip

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US Treasury Secretary Jack Lew will raise concerns about China's trade policies and seek headway on an Asian trade pact during a visit next week.

Lew will start a trip Tuesday to Japan then visit three other countries in the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations -- Singapore, Malaysia and Vietnam -- before talks Friday in Beijing, the Treasury Department said Friday.

"In China, he will discuss progress on the reform agenda and efforts to level the playing field for US workers and business," a Treasury Department statement said.

Lew will also speak with China about enforcement of sanctions on Iran and North Korea over their disputed nuclear programs, it said.

The Treasury Department last week charged that China's yuan currency remains undervalued, which gives the manufacturing superpower a trade advantage.

But the Treasury stopped short of branding China a currency manipulator, a designation that could trigger sanctions.

President Barack Obama's administration has preferred quiet diplomacy with China and the yuan has gradually been rising, largely in response to inflationary concerns.

But in recent months, the Obama administration has been vocal in pressing China to crack down on theft of intellectual property, which a report this year said was costing US industry billions of dollars a year.

The United States has generally supported an aggressive push by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to boost the world's third-largest economy, although US lawmakers have also voiced concern about the depreciation of the yen.

Abe has brushed aside concerns by Japanese farmers to enter talks on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a US-driven effort to create a vast free-trade zone.

The pact would bring together the economies of Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States and Vietnam.

The countries, which account for more than one-third of the global economy, have called for an agreement by the end of the year but several officials have admitted publicly that the goal is unrealistic.

## Protesters call for Haitian president to quit

PORT-AU-PRINCE, (AFP) - Thousands of angry protesters demanded the resignation of President Michel Martelly on Thursday, clashing with supporters of the Haitian leader in the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Protesters said two people suffered gunshot wounds after Martelly loyalists opened fire during skirmishes that lasted several hours in the capital.

The two sides hurled rocks at each other during the fighting, which brought parts of the city to a standstill and triggered huge traffic jams.

Anti-Martelly demonstrators accused the Haitian president of cronyism, charging that he is ruling the impoverished Caribbean nation for the benefit of his friends and family



The demonstrators had marched some 20 kilometers (12.5 miles) in blazing sunshine to central Port-au-Prince, chanting anti-government slogans along the route.

They were dispersed by police after attempting to reach

the Presidential Palace.

Haiti has seen a wave of anti-government protests over the past month, with demonstrators accusing Martelly of failing to ease poverty and unemployment and demanding his resignation.



KABUL (AFP) - Afghan day labourers work at a charcoal shop in Kabul on Sunday, November 10, 2013. Over a third of Afghans are living in abject poverty, as those in power are more concerned about addressing their vested interests rather than the basic needs of the population, a UN report said.

### YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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On the main stage of Palm



ORANJESTAD - It has become tradition for the past years now that Aruba has joined the Halloween celebra-

tions and huge parties are organized for adults to enjoy and show off their exceptional cos-



Beach Plaza the kids were entertained by playing popular games and had a wonderful time. They little ones had the

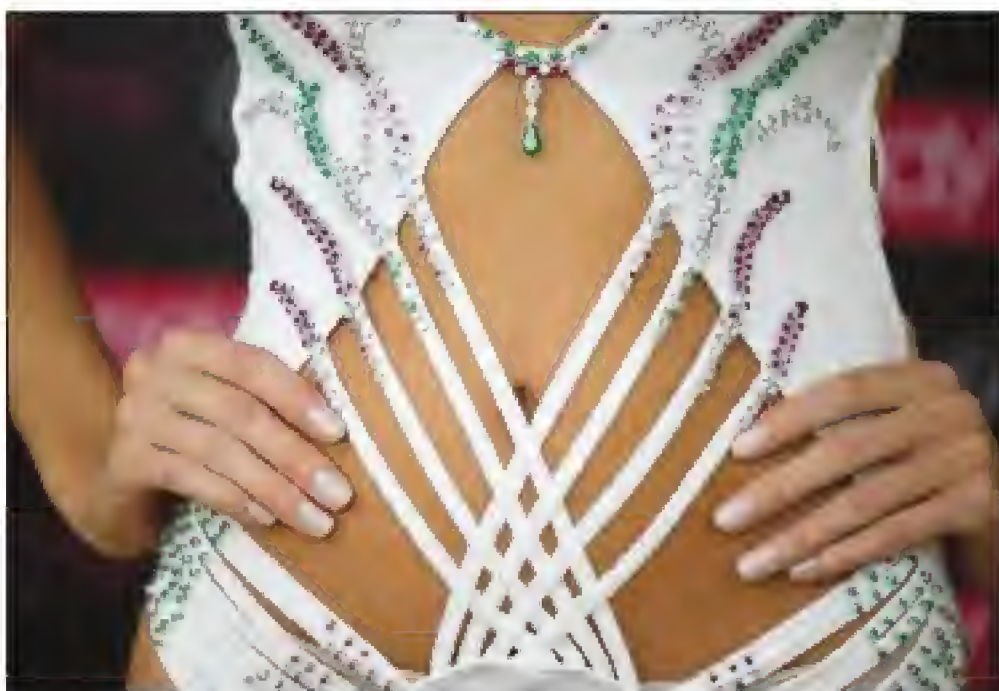


whole mall for themselves during the Halloween party where they visited the different stores freely to receive their treats. At the same time parents enjoyed being able to shop in the 43 stores at Palm Beach Plaza.

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for the shopper while also offering animated activities where the whole family can come and have a great time without any worries.

## New Miss Universe models million-dollar swimsuit



MOSCOW (AFP) - Newly crowned Miss Universe, Gabriela Isler of Venezuela, took up her duties in Moscow on Sunday, twirling in a jewel-studded swimming costume valued at \$1 million.

Isler, 25, spoke to reporters a day after winning the title at a glitzy ceremony at a Moscow concert hall, saying she had

stayed up all night talking to friends and family on the phone.

"I feel very happy to share my first day as Miss Universe," Isler said. "I'm a simple girl. I am just come to have fun, to enjoy the moment -- and here I am."

She said she felt "honoured" at becoming the seventh

Venezuelan Miss Universe, triumphing over 85 other women at the first competition held in Russia in its 61-year history.

Isler wowed the judges including Aerosmith singer Steve Tyler with her appearances in a bikini and sparkly silver evening dress.

She then won the final interview round by saying in response to a question about her greatest fear: "We should overcome all our fears and this in turn will make us much stronger."

As the new face of an Italian lingerie company, she posed in a Moscow hotel in a white cut-away swimming costume featuring an emerald pendant and swirls of diamonds and rubies, with a fur boa wrapped around the hips.

"It's very simple but very elegant, so it's like me," she said.

The organisers of Miss Universe said the costume was

sewn with 900 stones and is worth \$1 million (750,000 euros).

"We do have armed guards, so don't get any ideas," quipped the president of the Miss Universe organisation, Paula Shugart.

The organisers did not make clear whether the swimsuit was for sale. Isler said she did not know what would happen to it next, but she would like to keep it.

"I'm still asking: where are those guards, because I'll run with it," Isler joked, although her towering heels would have hindered an escape attempt from the hotel's 20th floor.

The Miss Universe competition, which began in the United States as a promotional campaign for swimwear, includes several rounds in which the contestants are judged based on their appearance in bikinis and one-piece swimsuits.

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## Redfish offers an authentic taste of Arubiana close to low-rise resorts



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Herbie Merryweather, founder of the Driftwood in Oranjestad, and owner of the deep sea charter boat of the same name, is a fanatic about

fish. If you have that some appreciation for the sweet and singular flavor of fresh Caribbean seafood, then you will be very pleased with a meal at Redfish.

This is casual dining, and you will likely end up eating with your fingers. (They do provide moist towleette packets) The menu is, for the most part, the real deal, fresh grouper, or snapper (Piska Cora in Papiamentu, or Redfish) and shrimp. There are chicken and steak dishes to accommodate landlubbers, but

make no mistake, you are there for the fish.

Too many restaurants on Aruba have taken to serving frozen farm fish filets, claiming it is grouper or snapper, but you know you are getting fresh, locally caught fish when they are served in the steaks like they are at Redfish. Delicately coated with a sprinkling of flour and herbs, they are flash fried and the fish is moist and incredibly tender. The mild Creole sauce served on the side is one of the best we have ever tasted, and they serve some extra Papaya Pica for those that like to spice it up a bit.

Portions are served by the pound and half pound, with your choice of whatever is fresh that day. We selected a pound of grouper and half pound of snapper, which were served with an ample supply of traditional island side dishes, and it was more than enough for three hungry people. Combination platters of fish and shrimp, great for nibbling and watching a sporting event on their giant plasma screen, are also available.

The best part? The prices. Geared to a local trade, (and you will find islanders there in force for lunch) a half pound fish platter with sides is \$10.85; a full pound, meant to be shared by two, with double the side dishes, is \$20. Not only that, but Redfish is an easy, pleasant walk from all the resorts at Manchebo Beach, and the service staff are very pleasant and eager to please.

Open from noon until 10:00 PM, Redfish is providing something that has certainly been lacking close to the resort areas, an authentic taste of fresh caught fish, with a distinctive island flavor and ambiance.

Closed on Mondays, they accept cash and travelers checks only. Highly recommended.



A pound of grouper

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

--Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway, we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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## Brazil Taekwondo Foundation send Clifford Rasmijn to Camp Training

ORANJESTAD - One of Brazil Taekwondo Foundation trainers, Clifford Rasmijn, has been given the opportunity to attend a camp training of Taekwondo in the USA. This training will be facilitated by Juan Moreno, 3rd time Olympic winner and twice silver Olympic winner. Moreno was Olympic coach in the US from 2005-2012 and coach of the Olympic team of the US 2008-2012.

Last Thursday evening, during a meeting Jeritza Arends presented Clifford Rasmijn his ticket and documentation to travel to the US for the Peak Camp to take place in Orlando.

Brazil Taekwondo Foundation believes in their coach and trainers and has placed a great deal of confidence in



Clifford Rasmijn. In this manner he can continue to train his team in the Train Hard Fight Smart program. Also, because Clifford Rasmijn is doing such an excellent job as trainer and coach, they want his team to continue to develop. In 2014 there will also be a camp train-

ing for one week where they will again send Rasmijn. The Brazil Taekwondo Foundation wants to continue bringing home medals of whatever category and is collecting funds to guarantee maximum prizes, such as for the past results of the Pan American in Mexico.

## Boxing: Yamanaka retains bantamweight title, while Donaire stops Darchinyan in dramatic style



TOKYO (AFP) - WBC bantamweight champion Shinsuke Yamanaka defended his title for a fifth time with a ninth-round knockout of Mexican Alberto Guevara on Sunday in Tokyo.

Japanese southpaw Yamanaka hit the challenger with a left hand -- dubbed "God's left" by his fans -- 25 seconds into the ninth round to end the contest, improving his unbeaten record to 20 wins with two draws and 15 knockouts.

"He didn't leave much space for me to get inside, but I could see that I was getting closer and closer and eventually I was able to get in there with a good punch."

Yamanaka floored Guevara four times in the eighth round at Ryogoku Kokugikan, the spiritual home of sumo in the Japanese capital, breaking open a cagey fight in which the

champion had led on points.

It was Guevara's second career defeat and takes his record to 13 wins and two losses with six knockouts.



While in Corpus Christi, Filipino star Nonito Donaire stopped Australian-based Armenian southpaw Vic Darchinyan in the ninth round of a 10-round non-title bout Saturday to boost his bid to re-

turn to boxing's elite.

Donaire was trailing on two of three judges' scorecards when he snatched the victory in a rematch of former world champions trying to revive their careers.

He felled Darchinyan with a left hook, and although Darchinyan rose and continued, he never looked steady. Donaire's punishing follow-up prompted referee Laurence Cole to call a halt at 2:06 of round nine.

Donaire improved to 32-2 with 21 knockouts. He bounced back from a loss to Cuban Guillermo Rigondeaux in a super bantamweight world

title bout in April.

For Darchinyan, the fight was a grudge match, but he was ultimately unable to avenge his 2007 fifth-round knockout loss to Donaire -- his first career defeat.



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BROOKLYN - The Nets showed a whole lot of fight against NBA's best team on Saturday night, but ultimately became the latest team to fall to the undefeated Indiana Pacers, 96-91, at the Barclays Center. Roy Hibbert and the Pacers stop a late push by Brook Lopez, who tallied 16 points, and the Nets.



MIAMI - Rookie NBA Boston Celtics Head coach Brad Stevens found a way to get more out of six-tenths of a second last night, in the biggest win of his young NBA career -- a 111-110 thriller over the Miami Heat.



HOUSTON - The Los Angeles Clippers road trip came to a happy end on Saturday night with a 107-94 win over the Houston Rockets. With roughly five minutes left in the third quarter and the team trailing 71-60, the Clippers used their huge run to overtake the Rockets, scoring the final 13 points while Houston went scoreless for nearly seven minutes. The Los Angeles Clippers improve to 4-3 on the season, while the Houston Rockets drop to 4-3.





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## Tennis: Djokovic books Nadal title showdown in Tour Finals

LONDON (AFP) - Novak Djokovic set up a final showdown with Rafael Nadal as the defending champion cruised to a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Stanislas Wawrinka in the semi-finals of the ATP World Tour Finals on Sunday.

Djokovic extended his winning streak since the US Open to 21 matches and will bid for his third Tour Finals crown when he faces world number one Nadal in Today's final at London's O2 Arena.

After losing out to Nadal in the race to finish the year top of the world rankings, world number two Djokovic has a golden opportunity to get a measure of revenge against the Spaniard.

The Serb has now won his last nine matches at the O2

Arena and will seek to avenge his recent US Open final defeat against Nadal, who holds a 22-16 edge in their 38 meetings.

The 27 year old Nadal has now reached 14 finals since his return from seven months out with knee tendinitis, winning 10 titles including the French and US Opens.

## Football: Messi Injured again as Barcelona beat Betis

MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona shrugged off the loss of Lionel Messi to another hamstring injury to beat Real Betis 4-1 on Sunday and move three points clear at the top of La Liga.

Messi limped off with an injury for the third time this season after pulling up with a hamstring problem as he tried to accelerate just 20 minutes in.

However, any worries Barca could struggle without their star man were extinguished by two goals in as many minutes when Neymar rolled home

Cesc Fabregas's pass before Pedro Rodriguez's wonderful individual effort doubled the advantage.

Fabregas added the third from Martin Montoya's cut-back and the former Arsenal captain doubled his tally when he headed home 11 minutes from time before Jorge Molina's stoppage time penalty pulled a goal back for Betis.

And Barca boss Gerardo Martino was happy with how side responded after a difficult opening half hour.

## Russians take Olympic torch on historic spacewalk

SPACE (AFP) - In this image obtained from NASA TV, Cosmonauts Oleg Kotov and Sergei Ryazansky (rear) perform a handoff of the Sochi 2014 Winter Olympic Games Torch during a spacewalk outside the International Space Station on November 9, 2013. The torch also visited the ISS ahead of the 1996 Summer Games in Atlanta and the 2000 games Sydney, but this is the first time it has been along for a spacewalk.

CALGARY (AFP) - Tucker Fredericks and Heather Richardson gave the United States two golds Sunday as the first stop in the ISU Speed Skating World Cup concluded in Calgary. Fredericks won the second men's 500m of the weekend in 34.46sec ahead of South Korea's Mo Tae-Bum (34.47). Behind them, Ronald Mulder of the Netherlands and Jamie Gregg of Canada finished in a dead heat for the bronze -- in 34.529sec. The second stop on a World Cup season highlighted by the Sochi Olympics in February will be next weekend in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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## Weightlifters to compete in Santo Domingo and 2013 IberoAmerican



ORANJESTAD - A delegation of Aruban Amateur Weightlifting Association headed off to Santo Domingo to compete in the 3rd edition of the Copa Santo Domingo and Iberoamericano Internacional from November 12th to 17th.

The Aruba delegation consist of two athletes and a coach. The two athletes to represent Aruba are: **Jennifer Piter** who will compete in the 58kg category and **Darvin Raphael**, who will compete in the 94kg category.

Hugo Themen is their accompanying coach.

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congratulates our weightlifters and wish them much success in this upcoming competition in Santo Domingo.

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## SXM Sporting Club Sub-Champs in Volleyball and Dominos at Aruba Slam Games



ORANJESTAD - Warmth and sportsmanship were the two main characteristics of the recently concluded Airport Slam Games held in Aruba. The Princess

Juliana International Airport (SXM) Sporting Club, which participated in the games, returned very satisfied with the organization of the event and the performance of the teams it fielded in the five sports.

"Our teams gave a good account of themselves and made us proud, especially in volleyball and dominos in which they became sub-champs," said Evans Marshall, president of SXM Sporting Club Foundation. He said the St. Maarten representatives took third place in softball and fourth in soccer and target shooting respectively.

Other airports represented at

the Slam Games were those of Suriname, Curacao and Aruba, the hosts.

"The official hosts, the Reina Beatrix International Airport, gave the SXM group a rousing welcome reception and provided transportation via a party bus," Marshall said.

"At the farewell party, they thanked SXM for its branded promotional items and its successes at the games," Marshall added. It was also announced that the next edition of the games will be hosted by Suriname in 2014.

SXM Airport managing director, Regina LaBega, congratulated the contingent for "the pride and honor with which they represented St. Maarten at the Slam Games" and wished the Sporting Club more success in all of its undertakings.

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